



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5689**

January Session, 2005

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 17b-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3       (a) The Department of Social Services shall act as the single state  
4       agency to coordinate, plan and publish annually the state social  
5       services plan for the implementation of social services block grants and  
6       community services block grants as required by federal law and  
7       regulation. Said department shall furnish copies of said plan to the  
8       joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
9       of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
10      and human services, at least sixty days prior to publication, for their  
11      review and recommendations, and shall consult with and furnish to  
12      said committees any additional information on such plan which they  
13      may request.

14      (b) The Department of Social Services shall provide for the  
15      development of all mandated outreach programs in accordance with  
16      any mandate of the federal government as required by federal law and  
17      regulation for the implementation of social services block grants and  
18      community services block grants.

19     (c) To the extent permitted by federal law, prior to the disbursement  
20     of any block grant funds received by the department in accordance  
21     with subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of Social Services  
22     shall provide a right of first refusal to a municipality that seeks to  
23     administer a social services program that benefits the residents of such  
24     municipality and is funded, in whole or in part, by block grant funds  
25     received by the department in accordance with subsection (a) of this  
26     section.

27     [(c)] (d) The Department of Social Services shall, on or before  
28     December fifteenth, annually, report to the Governor and said joint  
29     standing committees with regard to the activity of the department in  
30     the implementation of social services block grants and community  
31     services block grants, including but not limited to, fiscal data on  
32     expenditures of state and federal funds thereunder, and any  
33     recommendations for needed program legislation to insure the receipt  
34     of all federal funds available to the state from such grants.

35     [(d)] (e) Any organization receiving block grants pursuant to this  
36     section shall be subject to the provisions of section 17b-99.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	17b-26

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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